



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

**St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]**

**St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr**

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times Year A – 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

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**WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield**

Saturday Vigil: **6.00pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

**WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra**

Sunday: 9.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Newry: 11.00am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Dargo : 12.Noon

**WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD**

Tuesday: 9.30am

**MAFFRA**

Tuesday Mass & Adoration 2.00pm  
Wednesday to Saturday: 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:**

**MAFFRA**

Any time by request

**HEYFIELD:**

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm  
**OR** any other time by request

**DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,**  
Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am  
followed by Mass

**EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra**

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

**BAPTISMS:**

During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

**MARRIAGE:**

At least six months' notice requested.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

**ST. MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD**

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Davis St. Heyfield - 3858  
Phone: 5148 2514

**ST. MARY'S MAFFRA**

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4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860  
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*Exodus 34:6*

*And the LORD passed by before  
him, and proclaimed, The LORD,  
The LORD God, merciful and  
gracious, longsuffering, and  
abundant in goodness and truth,*

**SCRIPTURE**

**COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The two verses of the first reading constitute a very rich oracle of salvation, one of the many passages memorialised by Handel's oratorio, Messiah. The oracle is an idealised picture of an Israelite king and the peaceful kingdom over which he will rule. Though this

is a vision of the future, the verbs are prophetic perfect, indicating that in God's time the future is already present. The three-part description of the banishment of the armaments of war is balanced by a three part description of the future kingdom (v.10). This king will be the agent of God's blessings to all people. The extent of his reign reflects the broad scope of the ideal realm of the messianic king (see Ps 72:8).

The responsorial psalm opens with a declaration of praise, followed by the reasons for praising God. The opening acclamation is closely associated with the revelation of God and the acknowledgment of God's name revealed at the time of the re-establishment of the covenant (see Exod 34:6). Covenant language abounds here. God is described as gracious and compassionate and filled with lovingkindness. The works of the Lord include everything that God has made as well as everything that God has done as saviour. The faithful of the Lord are those who are bound to God in covenant loyalty. The final section of the psalm extols God's reign and God's care for those who are burdened.

Paul contrasts two ways of living: life in the flesh and life in the spirit. For Paul, flesh refers to human nature with all of the limitations that sometimes incline one away from God. Life in the spirit is a life attuned to God. Paul assures the Christians that they are in the spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells within them. The real point of this passage is the resurrection of those who are in union with God. Paul insists that those who live in the Spirit have Christ living in them – the same Christ who, through his own death, vanquished the powers of death. Though sin can still exact physical death, it cannot quench the spirit that lives because of righteousness.

In the gospel reading, Jesus addresses God as Father. Though the exclusively male characterisation of this title troubles many people today, it does reflect the intimate relationship that Jesus shared with God. God is further addressed as Lord of heaven and earth, a title that denotes universal sovereignty. Jesus then appeals to the wisdom tradition saying that the hidden things of God are not revealed to the worldly wise, but to those who are dependent on others and, consequently, receptive. Jesus' invitation is reminiscent of the invitation to submit oneself to Wisdom (see Sir 6:24; 24:19). He invites his hearers to take on his yoke, to accept the responsibilities that he will lay on them. If they do so, they too will be blessed with the revelation of God.

**Special Leaving Collection next weekend. 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**A special leaving collection will be taken up next weekend for Peter's Pence.**

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

**Parish Luncheon Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 0411436227 for bookings.**

### All Welcome!

The parish Luncheon is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

## School News

**Heyfield & Maffra:  
Nothing until term 3**

## CWL News

During our winter break the Catholic Womens League are gathering for lunch at the Farmers Arms Newry on Tues 11th July at 12n. For anyone who would like to join us please contact Maureen on 0408 639 764.

## Today is Sea Sunday



**SEA SUNDAY**  
9 July 2023



Stella Maris is the largest network of chaplains and ship visitors around the world. We welcome and support seafarers who come into Australia to bring us many of the things we need. Help us to help them. On Sea Sunday, pray for them in your parishes. To volunteer or donate, please visit our website: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a Pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official Maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and Spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

**Parish Centre Update Meeting**  
Maffra Parishioners are invited to a meeting at **6pm on Tuesday 25/7/23** in St Mary's Church for a progress update from the Parish Centre Committee.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

### Anniversaries:

Bruce Hussey, Jason Gray, Margaret (Peggy) Reid, Patrick Coleman (Pat), Colin Wiggins, Margot Donahoe, Robert (Bob) Keady, John Foley, Stefan Szajnoga, Rene Kennedy, Jeanette Whelan, Clare Sanderson, Mary Taylor, Lorraine Weatherley.  
Frs. John Bolger, John Allen, Patrick McDonnell, Michael McAlroy.

Care for the Sick: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like the Eucharist brought to them, please advise us on 5147 1921.

### We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit:

Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Gerry Gray, and all those who seek our prayers.

## WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

**Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**  
**ST. MARY'S:** Terry Donahoe  
**ST. MICHAEL'S:** Ed O'Brien

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**PRESBYTERY:** \$ 548  
**ST. MARY'S PG:** \$ 150  
**ST. MICHAEL'S PG:** \$ 300  
**DD & CC FOR LAST 3 MONTHS MARCH TO MAY**  
**DD & CC FOR MAFFRA** \$ 11595  
**DD & CC FOR HEYFIELD** \$ 3870  
**LOOSE COLLECTION**  
**TERMINAL: FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH - MAY** \$ 267  
**LOOSE THROUGH BANK MARCH - MAY** \$ 150

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.



### MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JULY)

LITURGY:	Sun: 16 <sup>th</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Fogarty
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Gray
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Wirken
COMPUTER:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Fjellner
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Munro and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Kardinaal & Sue Kewming
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Neaves & Helper
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of JULY	Frances Dwyer

### HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JULY)

READER:	Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF JULY	Carmel Pittari

### ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (JULY)

READER	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF JULY	Mary O'Brien

### PERSONAL ORDINARIATE MASSES

**COWWARR: ST BRIGIDS'**

**MONDAY: 9.00AM**

**TUESDAY: 6.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY: 10.00AM**

**THURSDAY: 10.00AM**

**FRIDAY: 6.00PM**

**SATURDAY: 10.00AM**

**SUNDAY: 9.30AM**

**MIRBOO NORTH: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2ND**

**SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM**

**4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM**

**CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS**

**ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT:**

**FR KEN CLARK EV**

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**13 CHURCH STREET**

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### SITUATION VACANT

**BOOKKEEPER FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH, YARRAM and ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FOSTER (Parishes in Partnership)**

\* Casual Position 6 to 8 hours per week - negotiable

\* Knowledge of MYOB bookkeeping preferable but not essential

\* A current Working With Children Check and a current Police Check.

\* For job description please contact St. Mary's Parish Office on (03) 5182 5028 (Thursday and Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm) or email [yarram@cdsale.org.au](mailto:yarram@cdsale.org.au)



### ST MARY'S MAFFRA PARISH DINNER

The young families of the parish are inviting you to a warm winter dinner!

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Starting: 5.30pm for 6pm Dinner**

**At: St Mary's Hall Maffra (To Be Confirmed)**

**Cost: Pay by Donation.**

**RSVP: 20<sup>th</sup> August Essential for catering!**

**[christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au) or 51451415 or parish office.**

**Please save this date and join the young (and not so young) people of the parish as they serve you dinner and entertain you with some skits, poetry and song! This will be a 3 course sit down meal.**

**Payment is by donation and funds raised will be used for more social gatherings for our parish.**

**All welcome**

## LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN

2023-2025

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, in its 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, made a commitment to develop a Laudato Si' Action Plan. This plan aligned with Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, Laudato Si', issued on May 24, 2015, which calls for an ecological conversion in response to the ecological crises faced by our planet. The Bishops Conference launched its plan on June 5, World Environment Day. Click here to access the plan or <https://tinyurl.com/f49xamyf>.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### FIRST READING Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: Rom 8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of

heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Is 55:10-11

Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CLYDE NORTH PRESENTS...

# JESUS, PIZZA & PRAISE!

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."  
MATTHEW 11:28

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP:  
POWERFUL YOUTH TESTIMONIES, HEALING MASS, MUSIC,  
FREE PIZZA & SUPPER!  
AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

For Youth ages 13 - 35 (however, all are welcome!)  
Please note youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult.

Scan the QR code to reserve your slice of pizza!

SUNDAY THE 6TH OF AUGUST | ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH 5 FIORELLI BLVD, CRANBOURNE EAST VIC 3977 | 4PM - REGISTRATION 7:30PM - PRAISE WORSHIP, YOUTH TESTIMONIES 8:30PM - HEALING MASS & SUPPER

WITH FR FRANCIS OTOBO & FR DENIS O'BRYAN  
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### YOUTH EVENT – JESUS, Pizza & Praise!!:

Calling all Youth! Join us for an exciting night of praise & worship, powerful youth testimonies, healing Mass, inspiring music, FREE pizza & supper! For youth aged 13-35 years, however all are welcome! Sunday 6th August, 4.30pm – 7.30pm at St Thomas the

Apostle Church, Clyde North, 5 Fiorelli Blvd Cranbourne East. Don't forget to scan the QR code for your FREE pizza! Please note that all youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult. Mass celebrated by Fr Francis Otobo & Fr Denis O'Bryan. For further enquiries please contact parish office 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au.